

**GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
CHEMICALS AND FERTILIZERS
LOK SABHA**

STARRED QUESTION NO:120
ANSWERED ON:26.11.2002
NEW FERTILIZER POLICY
AJAY CHAKRABORTY;PRABODH PANDA

Will the Minister of CHEMICALS AND FERTILIZERS be pleased to state:

- (a) whether the Government propose to announce new fertilizer policy;
- (b) if so, the details thereof and the time by which it is likely to be announced;
- (c) whether draft of the new policy has been prepared;
- (d) if so, the main features of the policy;
- (e) whether it is also true that the new proposed policy would encourage replacement of chemical fertilizers with the botanical and biofertilizers; and
- (f) if so, the details in this regard?

Answer

THE MINISTER OF CHEMICALS AND FERTILIZERS (SHRI SUKHDEV SINGH DHINDSA)

(a) to (f) A statement is laid on the Table of the House.

Statement referred to in reply to parts (a) to (e) of Lok Sabha Starred Question No. 120 to be answered on 26.11.2002

(a) to (f) The new pricing policy for urea units, being formulated keeping in view the recommendations of Expenditure Reforms Commission, is under consideration of the Government. The new pricing policy is proposed to be introduced w.e.f. 1.4.2003. The new policy will be in the shape of Group Concession Scheme, and will aim at greater transparency, uniformity and efficiency in subsidy disbursements to urea manufacturing units and will induce urea manufacturers to take cost reduction measures on their own and be competitive. The new pricing policy is in respect of urea units only and is not intended to influence the usage of botanical and biofertilizers.